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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Programming Coordinating Committee Minutes

Minutes May 14, 2008

DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower Chicago, Illinois

**Members Present:** 

Mark Avery (DuPage County-Land Use Committee), Alan Bennett (Village of Elmwood Park-CMAP Board), Jack Darin-Vice Chair (Sierra Club-Environment and Natural Resources Committee), Beth Dever (Metropolitan Mayors Caucus-Housing Committee), John Grueling (Will County Center for Economic Development-Economic and Community Development Committee), Russell Hartigan (Lyons Township-CMAP Board), Marilyn Michelini (Montgomery-CMAP Board), Raul Raymundo (Resurrection Project-CMAP Board), Steve Schlickman (RTA-MPO Policy Committee), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board-CMAP Board), Holly Smith (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors-Human Service Committee)

**Members Absent:** 

Rita Athas-Chair (World Business Chicago-CMAP Board), Tom Cuculich (DuPage County-Transportation Committee), Nigel Telman (Sidley Austin-CMAP Board)

**Others Present:** 

Len Cannata (North Central Council of Mayors), Joe Deal (City of Chicago), Tam Kutzmark (DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference), Jim LaBelle (Chicago Metropolis 2020), Mark Minor (Metra), Hugh O'Hara (Will County Governmental League), Leanne Redden(RTA), Chris Staron (Northwest Municipal Conference), Mike Walczak (Northwest Municipal Conference)

**Staff Present:** 

Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Don Kopec, Jill Leary, Matt Maloney, Tom Murtha, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Joy Schaad Kermit Wies

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Mark Avery called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

### 2.0 Agenda Change/Announcements

Mr. Avery introduced two new members, Russell Hartigan a trustee from Lyons Township and Alan Bennett, a trustee from the Village of Elmwood Park.

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes

Mayor Michelini made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2008 Programming Coordinating Committee meeting. Mr. Shea seconded the motion and with all in favor, the motion carried. Messrs. Bennett and Hartigan abstained from voting, since they had not attended the meeting.

#### 4.0 Developments of Regional Importance (DRI)

Mr. Avery stated that the DRI sub-committee worked on drafting the documents distributed with the packet. He stated the involvement in the sub-committee by regional agencies was excellent and that CMAP staff did a great job. He stated that it is clear it is not an easy process and the sub-committee has completed their work and it is time to bring it to this Committee.

Mr. Wies stated that the main goal of the process is to assess the regional implications of large-scale development proposals, reconcile regional priorities associated with these proposals and coordinate independent actions in support of regional goals. Mr. Wies explained the connection between this work and the ongoing effort to develop the region's comprehensive plan through the GO TO 2040 planning process. The big question is "What is a DRI?" which is still not defined. Examples are included in the appendix of the scoping document but consensus was not reached on each example. Mr. Wies said the sub-committee wants to make sure the DRI process adds value and does not create duplicate reviews. Mr. Bennett asked about the role of the CMAP Board. Mr. Wies pointed out the language in the overview document specifying the CMAP Board and coordinating committee's roles. The proposed DRI screening basis used three tiers. Tier I asks "Is the proposed development subject to a planning process that permits formal multi-jurisdictional coordination and public involvement? If the answer is yes than it is a Tier I DRI and no further stand-alone DRI evaluation is needed. Some examples include project that are handled through the FPA, RTP, or NEPA processes. Mr. Schlickman stated that the CMAP Board can still make a decision and share their opinion regarding the project. Mr. Shea stated he is concerned that all projects will need to be submitted. Mr. Wies stated that which projects need to be submitted are not determined yet although examples have been described in the appendix. He continued to state that over time it will become clearer. Mr. Grueling stated that submitting all projects will inundate CMAP staff. Mr. Schlickman suggested that staff develop the best

screening possible and then bring it to the Programming Coordinating Committee or Board to vet it. Mr. Bennett asked if this process takes into account the contract CMAP staff has with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Leary responded that it does. Mr. Bennett asked if CMAP has shared the DRI document with the IEPA at this point. Mr. Wies stated that it will be available to them once it is finalized. Mr. Wies continued to explain Tier 2 "Does the proposed development include certain context-dependent development characteristic?" He stated this is a qualitative analysis. Tier 3 asks "Will the proposed development have measurable regional impacts?" This is the quantitative analysis.

Mr. Avery gave the committee a rundown of the anticipated timeline for approval of the document. He stated that the sub-committee will incorporate any comments that are received at this meeting. In June, the sub-committee will request local agencies to submit anything that they believe to be DRIs. In July, staff will spend a half day with all the working committees, stakeholders, Councils of Governments, and Planning Liaisons to discuss the definition. If a definition is accepted it will be considered at the September Board meeting.

Mr. Darin stated that the working committees will need to be structured around DRIs. Mr. Wies responded that all working committees will hear the same presentation he just gave. Mr. Schlickman asked about what would be going to the Board in September. Mr. Wies stated the definition of a DRI will be presented. Mr. Schlickman stated that staff eventually needs to make a recommendation. Mr. Bennett said he is concerned that the private sector and development sector are not included in the discussion. Mr. Grueling stated that he believes his main role on the sub-committee is to represent the private and development sector due to his role with the Will County Center for Economic Development. Mr. Hartigan stated that in the appendix one development is identified as having sub-regional effects and not regional. He questioned how that was determined. Mr. Wies stated that the sub-committee discussed each project and attempted to come to a conclusion. Mr. Shea stated that what defines a DRI is vague. Mr. Schlickman stated that is what he is concerned about. Staff needs to define these and bring them to the Programming Coordinating Committee for vetting. Mr. Avery asked Mr. Wies if he could define a DRI without the help of the sub-committee. Mr. Wies stated that he could certainly develop a proposal and if it is the Programming Coordinating Committee's direction, he will not involve the sub-committee.

Mr. Grueling made a motion that staff develop a definition of what brings DRIs to CMAP, the process for approving the definition, and a clarification of the thresholds for each of the three tiers. Mr. Hartigan seconded the motion. Mr. Bennett questioned whether the motion included allowing the working committees to discuss the definition before bringing it to the Programming Coordinating Committee. Mr. Schlickman clarified the intent and seconded the motion, recommending that staff take the discussion held at the sub-committee level and use it to improve the threshold definitions and then the

Programming Coordinating Committee will assess the clarification and determine if it will be released for public comment. He continued, suggesting that staff bring the schedule and process for public comment process to the Programming Coordinating Committee as well.

Ms. Kutzmark stated that DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference has concerns. Local Governments are impacted and want more involvement. She stated that the motion on the table has more inherent appeal than the previously discussed schedule.

Mr. Avery stated he understood and thanked Ms. Kutzmark for her concerns.

Several members asked for a restatement of the motion. The direction to staff in the motion is to come back to the June Programming Coordinating Committee with another draft of the DRI document with staff's recommendations for:

- How a DRI is identified and referred to CMAP. This will include the criteria and thresholds for identifying DRIs.
- The review process for a DRI.
- A public comment process (to include working committees and stakeholder groups) and timeline for input on the document.

Mr. Deal stated that the Committee has unrealistic expectations.

All in favor, however, the motion carried.

#### 5.0 Unified Work Program

Mr. Maloney stated that on April 8, the Unified Work Program Committee finalized a proposed SFY 2009 Unified Work Program totaling \$19,132,682. The total includes \$15,197,062 in FHWA and FTA regional planning funds and \$3,935,620 in local match funds. The Transportation Committee released the UWP for a public comment period on April 25. The comment period ends on May 20. No comments have been received to date. Full proposals, including lists of products and tasks, are available on the CMAP Web site at <a href="http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=7240">http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=7240</a>. Mr. Hartigan asked what the UWP does. Mr. Maloney stated that they are federal planning funds that define CMAP's work plan. Additionally, other regional agencies can apply for funding. Ms. Smith made a motion to recommend approval of the UWP to the MPO Policy Committee and CMAP Board. Ms. Michelini seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried. Mr. Bennett asked if the UWP includes hard match. Ms. Berry stated it does.

#### 6.0 TIP Amendments, Conformity Analysis and RTP Update

Mr. Patronsky stated that CMAP's Transportation Committee has released an amendment to the <u>TIP</u>, revised conformity analysis, and an update to the <u>RTP</u>. He briefly explained the changes and noted that it is anticipated that the TIP amendments and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) update will be considered for approval at this

Committee's June meeting. He stated that this item is on the agenda to alert the Committee to the revisions to the Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to the public comment period that is underway.

#### 7.0 Other Business

No other business was brought before the Committee.

#### 8.0 Public Comment

There was no Public comment.

## 9.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

### 10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Shea made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Michelini seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Berry

Principal Planner, Staff Liaison

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Approved with minor corrections by unanimous vote June 11, 2008